



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application for:

Ainsworth et al.

Serial No.: 09/847,947

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For: SELF-CLOSING SURGICAL CLIP FOR
TISSUE



Examiner: Not Yet Assigned

Group Art Unit: 3731

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT AND PRIORITY CLAIM

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In the Declaration submitted herewith, Applicants claimed the benefit under 35 U.S.C. § 120 of United States Application No. 09/847,716 filed on May 1, 2001 and entitled "Self-Closing Surgical Clip for Tissue." The following preliminary amendment is made to comply with 37 CFR §1.78.

AMENDMENT

IN THE SPECIFICATION

On page 1, before the heading "FIELD OF THE INVENTION," please insert the following:

--CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATION(S)

This application is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/847,716 entitled "Self-Closing Surgical Clip for Tissue" and filed on May 1, 2001.--

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If a telephone interview would advance prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned at the number provided below.

Respectfully submitted,

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